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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I believe Microsoft has been persecuted enough by the anti-trust prosecution of recent years. The settlement agreement reached by Microsoft, the U.S. Department of Justice, and 9 of the 18 states participating on the suit seems to be in the public interest, and should be approved by the court.

The prosecution of Microsoft was driven by competitors envious of Microsoft's commercial success, and by overzealous U.S. attorneys. It has been a waste of taxpayers' money and has diverted DOJ resources away from other important issues. The case should be closed to stop the waste of public and commercial money and resources. The nine participating states that have not yet agreed to the settlement should not be allowed to impede the settlement and thus perpetuate the wasteful activity to the detriment of Microsoft's continuing commercial achievements and the public good.

Please pass my support of the proposed settlement of the lawsuit to the court for its consideration.

Very truly yours,

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